the quantitative restrictions on exports. This is patently anti fanner. Will the Government give a categorical assurance that no quantitative restrictions will be maintained on exports, particularly on onions and other foodgrains ? What is the policy in this regard ?

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY : Sir, as far as quantitative restrictions on exports are concerned, they do not exist. It is only in the event of some extreme shortage of a particular product, such a thing could be conceived of. But as far as quantitative restrictions are concerned, today they do not increase. As a result, on various products including onions, the Cabinet has already taken a decision— in consonance with the suggestion of the hon. Minister—to remove the restrictions and make the export free.

औद्योगिक उत्पादन में वृद्धि

*430. श्रीमती माया सिंह : क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वित्तीय वर्ष 2002-2003 के प्रथम नौ महीनों के दौरान औद्योगिक उत्पादन में वृद्धि हुई है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) किन-किन औद्योगिक इकाइयों में वृद्धि होने की संभावना हैं और इस संबंध में लक्ष्य क्या हैं?

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चेन्नामनेनि विद्यासागर राव) : (क) से (ग) एक विवरण-पत्र सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

विवरण

(क) से (ग) जी, हां । अप्रैल-दिसंबर, 2001-2002 के दौरान दर्ज की गई 2.5 प्रतिशत की विकास दर की तुलना में नौ महीने की अवधि में अर्थात् अप्रैल – दिसंबर, 2002-2003 के दौरान आधार वर्ष 1993-94 – 100 के औद्योगिक उत्पादन सूचकांक (आईआईपी) द्वारा किये गये मूल्यांकन के अनुसार औद्योगिक उत्पादन में 5.4 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है । अप्रैल-दिसम्बर, 2002-03 की अवधि के दौरान विनिर्माण क्षेत्र, पूंजीगत वस्तुओं, उपभोक्ता गैर-टिकाऊ वस्तुओं, सीमेंट, इस्पात और ऑटो मोबाइल क्षेत्र में अच्छी विकास दर दर्ज की गई हैं।

उदारीकरण के बाद की अवधि में अलग-अलग औद्योगिक इकाइयों द्वारा मांग और आपूर्ति के आधार पर उत्पादन के लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये जाते हैं। सरकार द्वारा औद्योगिक इकाइयों के स्तर पर उत्पादन के लक्ष्य निर्धारित अथवा मूल्यांकित नहीं किये जाते हैं ।

Increase in Industrial Production

*430. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an increase in industrial production has been registered during the first nine months of the financial year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the industrial units wherein increase in production is anticipated along with the targets thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The industrial production as measured by Index of Industrial Production (IIP) with base year 1993 -94= 100, registered an increase of 5.4% during the nine months i.e., April—December, 2002-03 as against a growth rate of 2.5% recorded in April—December, 2001-02. Within the manufacturing sector, capital goods, consumer non-durables, cement, steel and automobiles have registered good growth rates during April—December 2002-03.

In the post-liberalized era, targets for production are fixed by individual industrial units based on the forces of demand and supply. The Government does not fix targets or assess production at the level of industrial units.

श्रीमती माया सिंह : सर, मेरे सवाल के "क" और "ख" भाग का जो उत्तर मंत्री महोदय ने दिया है, उस उत्तर से मैं संतुष्ट हूं, लेकिन जैसा कि हम सब जानते हैं कि पिछले कई वर्षो से विश्वभर में औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में रिसैशन रहा जिससे भारत भी प्रभावित रहा है । ऐसी स्थिति में औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में वृद्धि एक प्रसन्नता का विषय है और इससे न केवल कीमतों पर ही कंट्रोल रहेगा बल्कि रोजगार में भी वृद्धि होगी । इस तरीके की जो प्रगति हुई है, उस प्रगति के लिए मैं मंत्री महोदय को बधाई देती हूं ।

लेकिन अपने प्रश्न के "ग" भाग के बारे में मैं मंत्री महोदय से सवाल पूछना चाहती हूं कि सरकार ने उद्योगों को क्या इंसेटिव्स दिए हैं जिससे के भविष्य में जिन क्षेत्रों में प्रगति नहीं हुई है उन क्षेत्रों में प्रगति हो सके और इसके लिए क्या उन्होंने कोई योजना बनाई है?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO: Sir, so fer as answer to questions (a) to (c) is concerned, a statement has already been laid on the Table of the House. It has been very clearly mentioned that the growth has registered an increase of 5.4 per cent during the nine months period. The question pertains to the nine months period. So the answer has been given. So far as giving a boost to the industry is concerned, the Union Budget, 2003-04 undertakes to provide a major thrust to infrastructure especially to roads and railways. Secondly, the Exim Policy, 2003-04 announced by this Ministry seeks to consolidate the areas of core competition. Thirdly, the RBI has prepared a low interest rate policy. These are the three important factors among a number of other factors which will boost the industry.

Rehabilitation of Beggars

*431. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a scheme for bringing all the beggars to Rehabilitation homes, initially in the four Metropolitan cities, i.e. Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai to patronise and to give them vocational training so that they lead a life themselves, and

(b) if so, the details thereo?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT PR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Several State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have established institutions/rehabilitation homes for beggars where services like boarding, lodging, medical care, vocational training, counseling and guidance are provided for weaning them away from beggary and making them self-reliant. These institutions/homes exist, *interdict,* in the four Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai.

PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Is the Government aware of the Delhi High Court judgement directing the Delhi police to launch a special drive to clear the traffic intersections from beggars and hawkers which creates a lot of hurdles in the smooth movement of vehicles and also gives an ugly look and adverse impression about the people, the country and its Capital? The Police administration in Delhi is jointly administered by the State Government and the Central Government. Will the Central Government look into the matter ?